



**City of Newport  
Emergency Council Meeting  
June 24, 2014**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Geraghty called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL -**

**Council Present** – Tim Geraghty; Tom Ingemann; Bill Sumner; Tracy Rahm; Steven Gallagher

**Council Absent** –

**Staff Present** – Deb Hill, City Administrator; Bruce Hanson, Supt. of Public Works; Renee Eisenbeisz, Executive Analyst; Fritz Knaak, City Attorney;

**Staff Absent** –Curt Montgomery, Police Chief; Mark Mailand, Fire Chief;

**4. RESOLUTION NO. 2014-29 - DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**Mayor Geraghty** - The whole purpose of tonight's meeting is to declare a state of emergency for the City for 30 days.

**Superintendent Hanson** - As of right now, we have two residences that have sewer and water shut off and I believe electricity and gas will be shut off as well. We have two residences on standby for the next couple days. We're monitoring lift stations and pumps 24 hours a day. We have a pump at 17th Street. We're at 698.9 right now and it's slated to go up an additional foot. It seems to back off a little bit as it goes up and spreads out. We won't go below flood stage until next Tuesday or Wednesday. This prediction has stayed the same for the last couple days. The 20.5 is equal to our 700.

**Councilman Sumner** - How many homes are expected to be involved?

**Superintendent Hanson** - Unless we have trouble with our lift station we won't shut anyone else off besides the two now and two on standby.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Fritz, can you talk about the reason for doing the declaration?

**Attorney Knaak** - This is the time when you as a City Council has more authority in the City than anyone put together. You are empowered to direct emergency services, order evacuations, it's big stuff. When you're in a situation like this, MN law provides that you can do a declaration.

**Mayor Geraghty** - Any other needs that you have?

**Superintendent Hanson** - I've been in contact with Emergency Services in Washington County and the other cities. Additional pumps is my biggest worry and I have sources for that. Public Works is on 24-7 now and will be monitoring lift stations.

**Councilman Gallagher** - What do you do when you monitor?

**Superintendent Hanson** - We have seven so we do rounds every couple hours and need to maintain the pumps we have at 17th Street.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Do you need another hand?

**Superintendent Hanson** - We're running two guys 24-7.

**Councilman Gallagher** - Let me know if you need help.

**Councilman Sumner** - I just want to mention that this is to protect property and lives.

**Attorney Knaak** - If the State of Emergency ends in two weeks, you can terminate this early.

**Motion by Gallagher, seconded by Ingemann, to approve Resolution No. 2014-29 as presented. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Geraghty, seconded by Gallagher, to adjourn the regular Council Meeting at 5:07 P.M. With 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, the motion carried.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Eisenbeisz  
Executive Analyst